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INDOCHINA

1. LAIRD TAKES PARTING SHOTS AT ADMIN. SEA POLICIES.
WEIGHART (NYDN) AND SPERLING (CSM) REPORT LAIRD'S
REMARK, IN FAREWELL PRESS MEETING, THAT HE SUPPORTED
1969-71 CAMBODIAN BOMBING BUT WANTED IT PUBLICLY
ANNOUNCED; HAK RECOMMENDED THAT IT BE KEPT SECRET
FOR "DIPLOMATIC" REASONS, AND PRES. BACKED THAT VIEW.
BOYD (PHINQ) QUOTES LAIRD THAT "PEACE" IN VN OVERSOLD
BY ADMIN. LAIRD SEES MISTAKE IN CLAIMING PEACE HAS
BEEN ACHIEVED AS PRES. AND HAK HAVE REPEATEDLY DONE,
POINTS OUT THAT PRES.' VN POLICY DID NOT END FIGHTING,
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BUT SIMPLY PERMITTED US TO DISENGAGE AND STRENGTHEN
SVN'S SELF-DEFENSE ABILITY. SAYS, IN "IMPLIED REBUKE
TO NIXON-KISSINGER RHETORIC", "I NEVER THOUGHT IT
WOULD BRING PEACE". WP QUOTES LAIRD AS SAYING THAT

AS SECDEF HIS FIRST PRIORITY HAD BEEN TO GET US OUT OF VN.

2. NYT SAIGON BUREAU CHIEF MARKHAM FREED BY SVN POLICE AFTER BEING HELD 24 HOURS FOR QUESTIONING. MARKHAM SAYS POLICE STILL HOLD HIS NOTES AND FILM

OF TRIP MADE TO VC AREA, BUT PROMISE TO RETURN THEM TODAY (NYT; WP).

3. GVN ACCUSES VC OF TACITLY SUPPORTING PRC PARACELS' TAKEOVER. AFTER JMC MEETING, SVN ISSUES COMMUNIQUE CHARGING VC "ALL BUT DENIED THEIR VIETNAMESE ANCESTRAL ROOTS" BY REFUSING TO TAKE JOINT STAND AGAINST CHINESE OCCUPATION OF PARACELS (WP; UPI). GVN SAYS "NATURALLY PLEASED" BY PRC ANNOUNCEMENT THAT IT WILL FREE 5 SICK AND WOUNDED SOLDIERS CAPTURED IN PARACELS, AS WELL AS AILING GERALD KOSH, ON THURSDAY NEAR HK (UPI). GVN MILITARY COMMAND ANNOUNCES THAT FISHERMAN PICKED UP 14 LIVE, AND 1 DEAD, "COMMANDOS" MISSING SINCE PARACELS FELL. SURVIVORS SPOTTED 34 MILES OFF QUI NHON AFTER DRIFTING 200 MILES ON RUBBER RAFT. LATEST GVN CASUALTY REPORT FOR PARACELS BATTLE LISTS 19 KIA, 43 WIA AND 101 MIA (WP; REUTER).

4. ICCS DELEGATION FLIES TO HANOI, ON FIRST SUCH VISIT SINCE C-F, TO VISIT SITES NEAR CAPITAL AND TALK WITH MFA OFFICIALS ON PEACE-KEEPING ROLE. IN WASHINGTON, DOS OFFICIALS SAY UNAWARE OF NVN'S PURPOSE IN INVITING ICCS DELEGATION TO HANOI (WP).

5. NVN ACCUSES US OF SENDING WAR GOODS INTO SVN IN VIOLATION OF C-F; US DENIES CHARGE, SAYS DRV BREAKING PACT BY INFILTRATING FORCES AND EQUIPMENT. ICCS PARALYZED BY INTERNAL DISAGREEMENTS THAT PREVENT CARRYING OUT CONTROL FUNCTIONS. DOS OFFICIALS SAY US WOULD WELCOME EFFECTIVE CHECKING (WP).
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6. FIGHTING CONTINUES IN SVN. GVN MILITARY SOURCES SAY SVN PLANES STRAFED, ROCKETED NVA ARMORED COLUMN IN CENTRAL HIGHLANDS, CLAIM KNOCKED OUT 8 TANKS (UPI, BALTO N-A 1/29). ARVN REPORTS 72 NVA/VC, 10 GVN TROOPS KIA IN FIGHTING 30 MILES NW AND 40 MILES SW OF SAIGON (AP, NYT; WP).

7. SOUTHERLAND (CSM) FROM SAIGON REPORTS ON THE STILL-SIZABLE US PRESENCE IN SVN, WHICH IS NOT BEING REDUCED AS QUICKLY AS PREDICTED AFTER C-F. US EMBASSY SAYS NEARLY 6000 OFFICIAL AMERICANS REMAIN, ABOUT 1000 LESS THAN EARLY LAST YEAR. US MISSION STILL LARGEST AMERICAN MISSION IN WORLD, WITH NO MAJOR

REDUCTIONS EXPECTED IN FORESEEABLE FUTURE. US OFFICIALS SAY CONTINUING WARFARE PREVENTS HOPED-FOR PHASE-OUT OF OVER-1000-MAN DAO THAT INCLUDES MORE THAN 900 CIVILIANS, MANY APPARENTLY FORMER MILITARY MEN, TO

SUPERVISE CONTRACT TECHNICIANS, TO MONITOR C-F, AND "APPARENTLY" TO GATHER INTELLIGENCE. LARGEST US GROUP IS ABOUT 3000 DOD CIVILIAN CONTRACTORS, BELONGING TO 100 COMPANIES THAT HOLD 144 MILLION DOLS IN CONTRACTS. C-F PROHIBITS STATIONING US TECHNICAL MILITARY PERSONNEL ASSOCIATED WITH ARMAMENTS, MUNITIONS AND OTHER WAR GOODS, BUT CONTRACTORS HELP MAINTAIN GVN BASES AND VNAF AIRCRAFT. SOUTHERLAND SAYS SOME PEOPLE CONTEND THAT WHILE THIS DOES NOT VIOLATE LETTER OF C-F, IT VIOLATES SPIRIT. CONTRACTOR WITH MOST AMERICANS IS LEAR, SIEGLER, WHOSE LOCAL MANAGER NOT "AVAILABLE" TO DISCUSS OPERATIONS. FIRM SAID TO HAVE OVER 1000 US EMPLOYEES REPORTEDLY TO TRAIN VNAF IN MAINTENANCE, BUT ALSO "ENGAGED DIRECTLY" IN REPAIR AND SERVICING OF VNAF AIRCRAFT. OTHER BIG FIRMS INCLUDE PACIFIC ARCHITECTS AND ENGINEERS, WHICH MAINTAINS 50 FORMER US BASES AND TRAINS 4000 ARVN TO DO THE JOB, THOUGH EMPLOYEES SAY LOW-PAID TRAINEES "LACK INCENTIVE"; PAGE COMMUNICATIONS ENGINEERS, SAID TO BE "TRAINING, ADVISING, ASSISTING" SVN NAVY AND AF IN "ENGINEERING AND MANAGEMENT FUNCTIONS"; AND DYNALECTRON CORP., THAT MAINTAINS ARVN ROAD BUILDING EQUIPMENT AND DOES UNCLASSIFIED

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NOT EXPECT TO STAY PAST JUNE. US OFFICIAL SAYS FIRMS LIKE THE CONTRACTS AND ONCE THERE THEY ARE HARD TO GET OUT. AMB. MARTIN IS APPARENTLY TRYING TO GET FULLEST POSSIBLE WASHINGTON SUPPORT FOR GVN, BUT DISCOURAGES PUBLICITY ON US PRESENCE. ACCORDING TO SOUTHERLAND, DAO CHIEF USED TO ENJOY TALKING TO PRESS, BUT WAS RECENTLY TOLD TO STOP GIVING INTERVIEWS.

8. PP PASSES FIRST NIGHT IN MORE THAN WEEK WITHOUT REBEL SHELLING. INTENSE FIGHTING REPORTED SOUTH OF CITY ON 5-MILE FRONT (WP). FANK COMMAND SAYS FIGHTER-BOMBERS AND CHOPPER GUNSHIPS STRIKE ENEMY THROUGH DAY TRYING TO SILENCE ARTILLERY. FIELD REPORTS SAY FANK FORCE MOVING TOWARD REBELS 9 MILES SW OF CITY. GKR MILITARY COMMAND SAYS FANK RECAPTURES VILLAGE 90 MILES NORTH OF CAPITAL, FREES 700 FAMILIES (AP, NYT).

9. REUTER HK QUOTES PL NEWS AGENCY DISPATCH THAT ACCUSES SVN OF CONDUCTING AIR RAIDS IN ITS REGION OF S. LAOS. PL WARNS THAT GVN "MUST BEAR FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE CONSEQUENCES OF THEIR ACT", SAYS "CRIMINAL ACT OF WAR" NOT ACCIDENTAL, BUT PART OF SCHEME OF

US AND ITS "HENCHMEN" AGAINST PEACE AND INDEPENDENCE
OF LAOS AND INDOCHINA.

JAPAN

10. REUTER TOKYO REPORTS US SOURCES THERE SAYING
DECISION MADE, FOLLOWING WEDNESDAY MEETING OF JAPAN
US SECURITY COMMITTEE, FOR US TO TURN OVER SEVEN OKINAWA
MILITARY AREAS TO FULL JAPANESE CONTROL; ANOTHER 13
AREAS WILL REVERT TO PARTIAL JAPANESE CONTROL. US
SOURCES STRESS THAT TURNOVER "WILL NOT RESULT IN ANY
SIGNIFICANT REDUCTION IN US CAPABILITY IN E. ASIA,"
NOR ARE REVERSIONS EXPECTED IN THEMSELVES TO AFFECT
NUMBER OF US SERVICEMEN STATIONED ON OKINAWA (37,000).

11. CHIEF JUSTICE BURGER PAYS COURTESY CALL ON TANAKA
AT PREMIER'S OFFICIAL RESIDENCE (REUTER). ON RETURN
FROM WEEK-LONG JAPAN VISIT, BURGER WILL BE MET AT
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AIRPORT BY CHEVY SEDAN INSTEAD OF CADDY, AS SUPREME
COURT FALLS INTO LINE WITH OTHER AGENCIES TO CUT GASOLINE
CONSUMPTION (NYT).

12. TOKYO REPORTS JAPANESE OIL MEN PRIVATELY EXPRESSING
MORE THAN LITTLE ANNOYANCE OVER APPARENT WIDE DIS-
CREPANCIES IN YAMANI TOKYO STATEMENTS SINCE SUNDAY ABOUT
POSSIBILITY OF SAUDI OIL PRICE CUT; AT THIS POINT,
JAPAN'S OIL LEADERS INCLINED TO LISTEN MORE CAREFULLY
TO ALGERIAN MINISTER ABDESSELAM WHO ADVISED THEM NOT TO
PAY TOO MUCH ATTENTION TO THOSE WHO SPEAK OF OIL
PRICE CUTS WHILE IGNORING VOICES OF OTHER ARAB STATES
OPPOSED TO SUCH POLICY NOW. JAPANESE ALSO BAFFLED
BY YAMANI'S NEGATIVE ATTITUDE TOWARD FEB. 11 WASHINGTON
CONFERENCE OF OIL-CONSUMING NATIONS.

13. SMALL JAPANESE TRADE MISSION SCHEDULED TO LEAVE
FOR MOSCOW WEDNESDAY TO RESUME TALKS ON 3.4
BILLION DOLLAR PROJECT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF E. SIBERIA
NATURAL GAS RESOURCES (JOC).

14. BRITAIN GIVES NIPPON SEIKO KAISHA OK FOR CONSTRUC-
TION OF 13.2 MILLION DOLLAR BALL BEARING FACTORY,
PROBABLY IN NORTHERN ENGLAND, WITH PRODUCTION STARTING
BY 1977 (CSM, TWESON).

15. MITSUBISHI HAS 10 PERCENT INTEREST IN INTERNATIONAL
GROUP, LED BY KENNECOTT COPPER, PLANNING FIVE-YEAR
RAD PROGRAM TO DETERMINE FEASIBILITY OF MINING
MANGANESE NODULES FROM SEA FLOOR (WSJ, NYT).

16. GROUP OF PROMINENT JAPANESE SCHOLARS, LABOR LEADERS

AND INTELLECTUALS (MODERN COMPREHENSIVE RESEARCH GROUP) PROPOSES FIVE-POINT CHARTER TO TRANSFER PRIVATE JAPANESE INVESTMENT OVERSEAS TO LOCAL OWNERSHIP OVER NEXT 20 YEARS (REUTER, CSM).

17. PANTHEON ISSUES "THE JAPAN READER," TWO-VOLUME HISTORY OF JAPAN'S DEVELOPMENT FROM FEUDAL NATION IN 19TH CENTURY TO ECONOMIC SUPERPOWER. FIRST UNCLASSIFIED

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VOLUME ("IMPERIAL JAPAN") COVERS 1800-1945; SECOND IS "POSTWAR JAPAN" (NYT).

CHINA

18. REUTER'S SHARP, IN PEKING, OBSERVED CAAC, WITH "POINTED LACK OF CER MONY OR FANFARE," LAUNCHING ITS FIRST NON-STOP AIR SERVICE TO MOSCOW WEDNESDAY. THERE HAD BEEN SOME DOUBT AMONG DIPLOMATIC SOURCES THAT SERVICE WOULD BEGIN ON SCHEDULE FOLLOWING ROW OVER PEKING'S EXPULSION OF FIVE SOVIET EMBASSY STAFF FOR ALLEGED ESPIONAGE. AEROFLOT REP TELLS NEWSMEN AT AIRPORT THAT HE HAD ASKED CHINESE ABOUT ANY SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR FLIGHT, BUT RECEIVED NO REPLY. UNDER NEW SINO-SOVIET AIR PROTOCOL, AEROFLOT WILL OPERATE NON-STOP SERVICE TO PEKING STARTING SATURDAY. PEKING DIPLOMATIC SOURCES SAY THERE IS UNDERSTANDING THAT CHINA WILL ONLY USE SOVIET IL-62S ON MOSCOW ROUTE, NOT BOEING 707S. IN PAST YEAR, PIA, AIR FRANCE AND ETHIOPIAN AIRLINES HAVE BEGUN SCHEOULED AIR SERVICES TO PEKING, AND THERE HAS BEEN SPECULATION FOR NEARLY YEAR THAT CHINA IS ABOUT TO START AIR SERVICE TO E. EUROPE.

19. REUTER PEKING REPORTS PEOPLE'S DAILY FULL PAGE "SAVAGE ATTACK" WEDNESDAY ON ANTONIONI'S CHINA DOCUMENTARY. PRC CLAIMS FILM ECHOED SOVIET ANTI-CHINESE PROPAGANDA, DISTORTED REALITY OF CHINESE LIFE BY IGNORING PRC'S NEW ACHIEVEMENTS AND CONCENTRATING ON BACKWARD AND REACTIONARY SCENES. ARTICLE, ENTITLED "VICIOUS INTENTIONS, DESPICABLE TRICKS," SAYS FILM REFLECTED "EXTREME HATRED" FOR CHINA OF "HANDFUL OF IMPERIALISTS AND SOCIALIST-IMPERIALISTS ABROAD," AND ACCUSES ANTONIONI OF "DISHING OUT AGAIN THE SLANDERS AND FABRICATIONS" OF SOVIETS. ARTICLE PROTESTS THAT FILM SHOWED NOT ONE MACHINE TOOL, TRACTOR, CONSTRUCTION SITE "SEETHING WITH ENTHUSIASM" OR BUMPER HARVEST; ADDS THAT FAILURE TO CRITICIZE FILM'S "REACTIONARY ESSENSE. . . WOULD BE TANTAMOUNT TO ADDMITTING THAT ANY PROPAGANDA

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INSULTING THE CHINESE PEOPLE WAS A JUSTIFIED ACTION."

KOREA

20. WAVE OF STRONG ANTI-JAPANESE SENTIMENT AROUSED IN SEOUL TUESDAY BY ALLEGED TANAKA REMARKS LAST WEEK BEFORE JAPANESE PARLIAMENT THAT JAPAN'S RULE OF KOREA HAD BROUGHT "SPIRITUAL" BENEFITS TO KOREAN PEOPLE IN FORM OF COMPULSORY EDUCATION SYSTEM AND LAVER CULTIVATION. ROKG HAS LODGED OFFICIAL PROTEST, MEMBERS OF ANTI-JAPANESE ORGANIZATION STAGED BRIEF DEMONSTRATION BEFORE JAPAN EMBASSY DEMANDING TANAKA APOLOGY, FM KIM SUMMONED JAPANESE ENVOY TO EXPRESS CONCERN AND DEMAND OFFICIAL EXPLANATION, AND SK LEGISLATIVE LEADERS HAVE DEMANDED RETRACTION. TANAKA HAS DENIED MAKING ANY STATEMENT AIMED AT HURTING SK FEELINGS, AND CHIEF CABINET SEC. NIKAIDO HAS ALSO ISSUED STATEMENT DENYING HAD INTENDED TO JUSTIFY JAPANESE RULE OF KOREA; SAYS GOJ WILL APOLOGIZE IF REMARKS CAUSED MISUNDERSTANDING IN SK(NYT).

THAILAND

21. US EMBASSY REPORTS SIX SINGAPORE AMERICAN SCHOOL TEEN-AGERS, CHARGED WITH SACRILEGE FOR CLIMBING ON BUDDHA STATUE IN N. THAILAND, WERE FREED ON BOND WEDNESDAY, WILL STAY IN BANGKOK UNTIL HEARING NEXT WEDNESDAY. US SOURCES SAY YOUTHS' ACTION "DIDN'T HELP" US-THAI RELATIONS, BUT THEY DOUBTED INCIDENT WILL HAVE MAJOR IMPACT (AP, UPI). TEACHER WITH GROUP ISSUED APOLOGY THROUGH AMEMBASSY TUESDAY (PHINQ; AP, NYT).

INDONESIA

22. ALCOA CONSIDERING BUILDING ALUMINUM REFINERY IN INDONESIA WITH YEARLY CAPACITY OF 880,000 TONS (WSJ).

23. OFFICIAL INDO NEWS AGENCY REPORTS 140 FOREIGNERS
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EXPELLED FROM COUNTRY LAST YEAR FOR VIOLATION OF IMMIGRATION RULES (AFP, WP).

NEW ZEALAND/AUSTRALIA

24. CSM'S CURIS SITOMER IN LOS ANGELES, WRITES

FAVORABLY ABOUT THE ROLE OF OMBUDSMAN IN NZ AFTER
INTERVIEWING SIR GUY POWLES, WHO BECAME NZ'S FIRST IN
1962. BRISBANE FLOOD CRISIS OVER, THIRD OF CITY STILL
UNDER WATER (REUTER, NYT).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

25. STLPD'S DUDMAN (JAN. 27) DISCUSSING VN ONE YEAR
AFTER C-F, SAYS US CONTINUES TO SUPPLY THE WEAPONS
USED BY SAIGON AND PP REGIMES AS WELL AS MOST OF THEIR
FINANCIAL SUPPORT. COMMENTS THAT POSSIBLY MOST IMPORTANT
OF ALL, US PRESTIGE CONTINUES TO BE INVOLVED IN WHAT
APPEARS TO BE A CONTINUING IF UNSPECIFIED COMMITMENT
TO GUARANTEE THE SURVIVAL OF THIEU AND LON NOL REGIMES.
DUDMAN SURVEY DRAWS LARGELY ON KENNEDY STUDY MISSION
REPORT, YEAR-END REPORT BY INDOCHINA RESOURCE CENTER
IN WASHINGTON, AND REPORT BY NARMIC - PROJECT OF AFSC.

26. STLPD EDIT (JAN. 27) SAYS BEST THING THAT CAN
BE SAID OF PARIS AGREEMENT IS THAT IT BROUGHT PEACE
TO US. MILITARY ACTION HAS BROUGHT DEATH TO BOTH SIDES -
TOLL GREATER THAN TOTAL NUMBER OF US COMBAT DEATHS IN
ENTIRE WAR; "OPPRESSIVE" THIEU REGIME STILL BEING SUBSI-
DIZED BY US TAXPAYERS; THIEU HAS FROM THE BEGINNING
IGNORED TERMS OF ACCORD, MAINTAINED RIGID DICTATORSHIP,
REFUSED TO NEGOTIATE FORMATION OF NCNRC LOOKING TOWARD
ORGANIZATION OF ELECTIONS TO DETERMINE VN FUTURE.
FOR ITS PART, US POURING MILITARY EQUIPMENT OF STEADILY
MORE SOPHISTICATED DESIGN INTO SVN, DESPITE PARIS PROVI-
SION ALLOWING ONLY ONE-FOR-ONE REPLACEMENT. SAYS IF
VC AND NVN SHOULD RESUME THEIR EFFORT TO GET MILITARY
DECISION, IT WILL BE LARGELY BECAUSE SAIGON, WITH
US SUPPORT, RENEGED ON PROMISE OF A POLITICAL SETTLEMENT,
GIVEN FIRST AT GENEVA IN 1954 AND AGAIN AT PARIS
IN 1973. NIXON ADMIN SHOULD WITHDRAW ALTOGETHER
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FROM A CONTINUING CIVIL WAR WHICH IS NOT AN AMERICAN
AFFAIR.

27. WSJ IN EDIT ENTITLED "LOOKING BACK AT INDOCHINA,"
VIEWS WAR AS HISTORIC CONFLICT BETWEEN TWO ANTITHETICAL
BRANDS OF MORALITY. ALLUDES TO COMMUNIST INSURGENTS'
INDISCRIMINATE SHELLING OF PP - A NONMILITARY TARGET -
AS BARBARITY - A CALCULATED USE OF TERRORISM TO ACHIEVE
POLITICAL ENDS. COMMENTS THAT WHAT IS HAPPENING
THERE IS NO DIFFERENT FROM MUCH THAT HAS GONE BEFORE
IN OTHER COMMUNIST STRUGGLES FOR WORLD ASCENDANCY.
IN VN, HO CHI MINH AND HIS SUCCESSORS USED TERRORISM
THROUGHOUT 20-YEARS OF THEIR STRUGGLE, AT A PERSONAL
LEVEL TORTURE AND MURDER OF VILLAGE HEADMEN AND
AT IMPERSONAL LEVEL AS IN HUE MASSACRE. TO EMPLOY

SUCH TACTICS, LEADERS BECOME INFUSED WITH A ZEALOTRY
THAT ADMITS TO NO MORALITY HIGHER THAN THE CAUSE

THEY ESPOUSE. HO'S CAUSE UNDOUBTEDLY BORN OUT OF
LEGITIMATE GRIEVANCES AGAINST FRENCH COLONIALISTS -
ALSO OUT OF RACIAL ANTIPATHIES AND COMMUNIST PHILOSOPHY.

WHEN INGREDIENTS SUCH AS THESE FUSE INTO IRRATIONAL
ZEALOTRY, MORAL QUESTIONS LOSE ALL WEIGHT. CONCLUDES
THAT AN OBJECTIVE HISTORIAN MAY SOME DAY RECORD THAT
THE US IN THE 1960S, WHATEVER MISTAKES IT MADE IN
TACTICS OR CHOICE OF BATTLEFIELDS, FOUGHT WITH A
HIGH PURPOSE; IT TRIED TO STEM A MASSIVE FLOW OF
CRUEL AND INTOLERANT ZEALOTRY THAT THREATENED TO
ENGULF THE WORLD.

,8. CSM COMMENTS ON 1300 MIAS AND FIVE MISSING AMERICAN
AND SIXTEEN FOREIGN JOURNALISTS MISSING IN INDOCHINA.
CONCEDES THAT US HAS LITTLE LEVERAGE, BUT APATHY
OR NEGLECT SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO CREEP IN ON AN
ISSUE WHERE COMPASSION FOR THE FAMILIES MUST BE A
PREDOMINANT CONCERN. (CITES, IN THIS CONTEXT, MRS.
DUNN'S REMARKS TO SFRC). NOTING STATEMENT LAST WEEK
THAT AMERICAN COMMITTEE TO FREE JOURNALISTS HELD
IN SEA RECEIVED RELIABLE WORD THAT "AS MANY AS 10
JOURNALISTS AND PERHAPS MORE" WERE BEING HELD BY
ONE OF INSURGENT GROUPS IN CAMBODIA, EDIT COMMENTS
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THA CAPTIVITY OF JOURNALISTS IS EVIDENCE OF LACK
OF UNIFIED CONTROL OVER CAMBODIAN REBEL FORCES.
IT ALSO SUGGESTS THAT SIHANOUK'S GOVT.-IN-EXILE IS
NOT IN TOUCH WITH HAPPENINGS INSIDE CAMBODIA. HAD
HE BEEN IN A POSITION TO DO SO, SIHANOUK WOULD SURELY
HAVE PRESSED FOR THE JOURNALISTS' RELEASE, AT LEAST
FOR THOSE FROM COUNTRIES OTHER THAN THE US.

29. GLOBE'S JHABVALA (JAN. 26) DISCUSSING VN C-F
ONE YEAR LATER, FINDS NO MEANINGFUL C-F, NO VISIBLE
EFFORT TO MOVE IT TO NORMALIZATION, NO PROGRESS TOWARD
POLITICAL SETTLEMENT, NO RECONCILIATION, NO REAL
ASSISTANCE FROM MAJOR POWERS TO REMOVE POINTS OF
INFLAMMATION. SAYS, IN SHORT, NO ONE REALLY CARES
ABOUT VN, ALLUDING TO RECENT COMMENT

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